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VITEBSK, USSR



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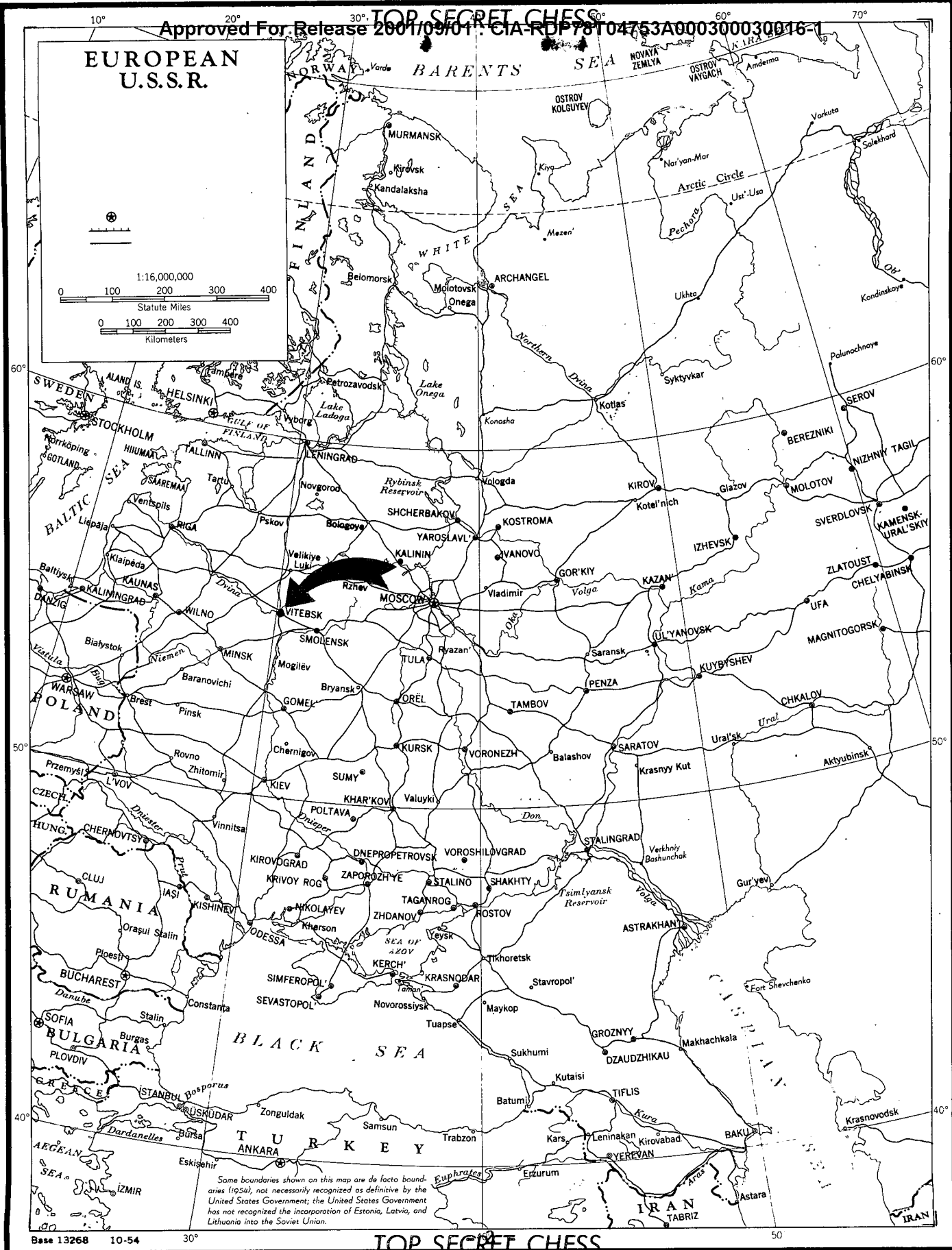
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Vitebsk is located 80 miles northwest of Smolensk and 50 miles north of Orsha. It is a major classification point at the junction of rail lines from Riga and Leningrad to points in central and southern European USSR.

The Vitebsk railroad yards and shops suffered heavy damage during World War II. A comparison of [REDACTED] with that of World War II reveals the following significant changes in addition to the repair of war damage. Three warehouses have been removed and one added in the east freight terminal area. Several warehouses have also been removed from the former south warehouse and freight terminal area. As a result of these and other changes, the latter area is now best described as a shop and storage area. All three roundhouses have been removed from the Vitebsk railroad yards. Those formerly present in the central servicing and repair area have been replaced by three sheds and one machine shop. Each shed has three through tracks. A new passenger station has been constructed on the site of the former station, but a war-damaged viaduct immediately to the south of it has not been rebuilt.

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Components of the railroad yards and shops at Vitebsk are annotated on the accompanying photograph.

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KEY TO ANNOTATIONS

1. North receiving and forwarding yard, 2200' long and 220' wide. Contains approximately 10-12 tracks. No basic change in size or trackage since World War II.
2. Passenger station: center section 180'x 80'; wings 125'x 55' and 110'x 55'. Elevated walkway provides access for passenger loading. New since World War II.
3. East freight terminal area. Contains one new warehouse measuring 260'x 55', and three dating from World War II. Of the latter, one is 260'x 55', one 310'x 70', and one 200'x 55'. Three other warehouses have been removed from this area.
4. East classification yard, 5000' long and 220' wide. Contains approximately 10-12 tracks. No basic change in size or trackage since World War II.
5. Central servicing and repair area. Contains new repair facilities as indicated in items 7 and 8.
6. Open coal storage area, served by four sidings. No basic change in size or trackage since World War II.
7. Machine shop, 180'x 75'. New since World War II; replaces roundhouse.
8. Locomotive servicing and repair sheds: one 180'x 90' (flat roof), and two 210'x 75' (monitor roof). Each shed has three through tracks. These sheds replace a former roundhouse.
9. Railroad bridge east over the Dvina River: 550' over-all length, two through truss spans. Apparently carries only one track, although designed for two. No change since World War II.
10. Railroad bridges west over the Dvina River: each 560' over-all length, single track. The approaches are of deck-type construction with a through truss center span approximately 240' long. No change since World War II.
11. Relay yard, 3700' long, approximately 6-8 tracks. No basic change in size or trackage since World War II.
12. South shop and storage area. Fenced area 2200'x 275'. Contains one possible shop building measuring 175'x 90', several smaller sheds, and bulk materials. A second fenced area 1900'x 90' includes several tracks possibly used for storage of rolling stock. This area was formerly designated the south warehouse and freight terminal area. Several warehouses have been removed since World War II.
13. Fenced open storage area, 2400'x 250' over-all. Trackage not discernable. No evidence of repair facilities as previously reported.
14. West classification yard, 5500' in length, 16-20 tracks. No basic change in size or trackage since World War II.
15. Turntable, 95' diameter. Roundhouse formerly served by this turntable has been removed.

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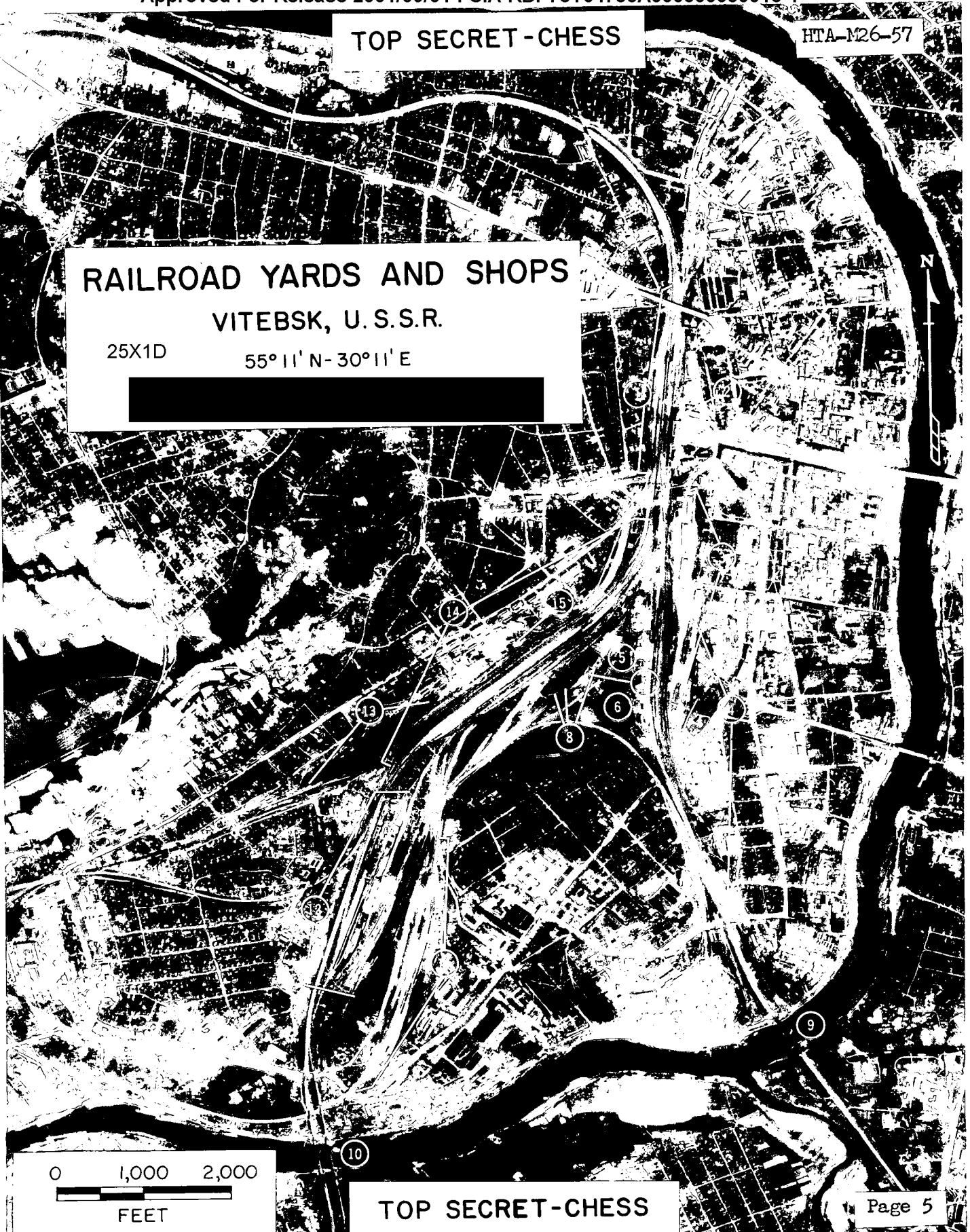
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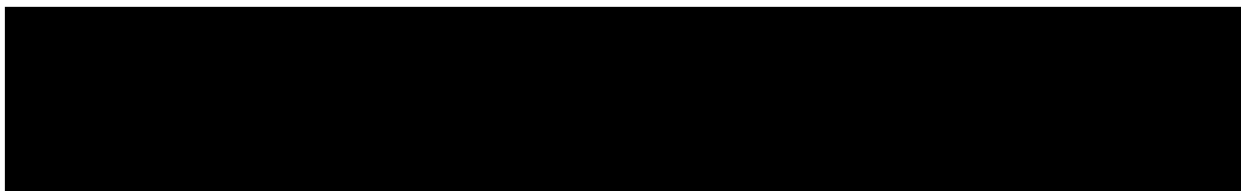
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